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ANSWER TO EYELESS HOOKS

Our thanks to the readers that responded to Mr. Barilli's problem with tying monofilament leaders to eyeless hooks [Chum Lines, Vol. 8 No. 19]. As would be expected in our area, we received help from friends that were citizens of such seafaring lands as Argentina, Holland and Japan, as well as some American solutions.

One immediate problem was the type of hook shanks Mr. Barilli was blessed with; he said "eyeless", but since that would [to most of us] simply preclude the presence of a ringed eye at the end of the shank, several possibilities were opened. One: the shank would merely appear cylindrical right up to the end; Another: the shank would have a spade-type end; a third: the shank would be bent or bulged at the end. Some of the solutions follow.

For a hook shank that is round to the end, wrapping the leader to the hook with thread appears to be the only solution:

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5. Coat snelling with bright red nail polish or lacquer (3 or 4 coats)
6. Use it, you will be amazed at the difference the **red** makes on bottom fish. - Stanley Rosenblad, Levittown, N.Y.

Maybe I am no expert on fishing, but I have tied eye-less hooks since I was 18 years old. I am now 50. That type is what they used most in Holland. I am sending you some hooks with the best drawing I can make. I hope it is good enough. If Mr. Barilli can not make them, I will be glad to

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Marty Mead of Springfield, N.J. displays a 46¼ lb. striped bass which he took on a bunker bait at Sandy Hook. Marty said, "The big cows are few and far between, too many east winds, the fish are moving right through. If the weather will stabilize, so will the fish."

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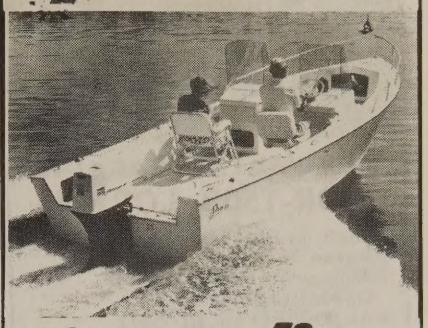

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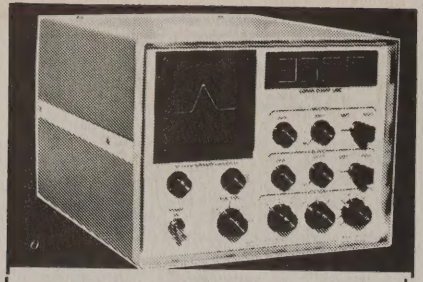

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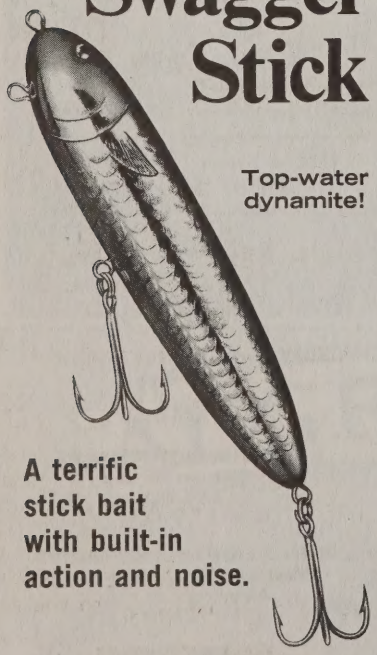

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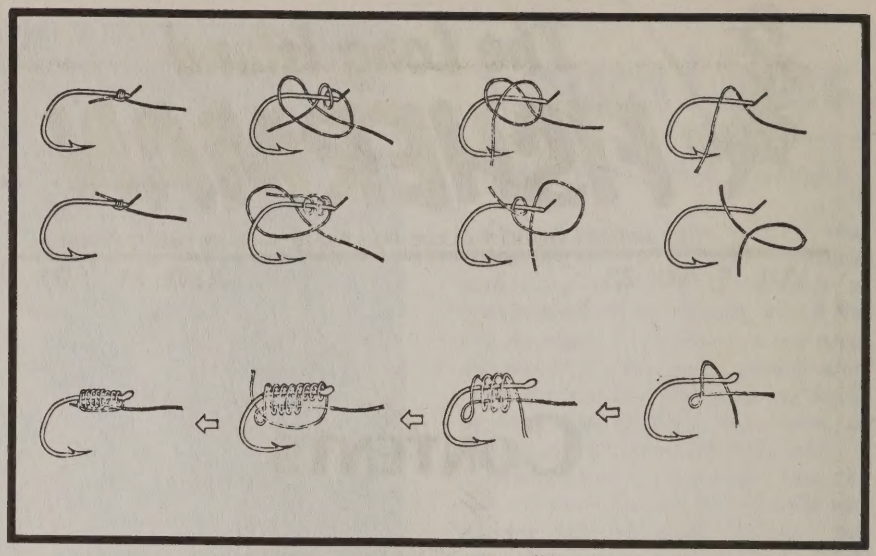


make leaders for him, no charge! Glad to be of help! - Sye Visser, Goshen, N.Y.

Your call thru CHUM LINES will be answered immediately for a thousand and one fishermen but anyway here you are - the one.

In Argentina, the country where I come from, people used to use both types of hooks, so it's a must for everyone to know many "How to..."

Please find two samples to solve this dandy problem, and I think they will work out better than my drawings.

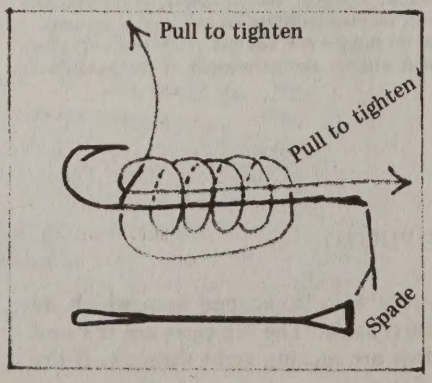
I hope Mr. Barilli be an able-bodied fisherman in eyeless hooks!

And now, may I ask you a question? Who is going to teach me English?

Mr. Barilli you're putting me in trouble in order to write this letter! I wish you, Mr. B., a lot of catch. - Julio C. Addis, East Rockaway, N.Y.

I am enclosing a copy of a page of a Japanese fishing book which will show you how to tie leaders to the eyeless hooks.

There are many kinds of eyeless hooks in Japan and we use 6 to 15 lb. monofilament leaders for well-educated fish. Please send a copy of the knot-diagrams to Mr. Barilli. - Yoshihiko Otomo, Brooklyn, N.Y.



KEEP CLEAN

My wife cut this out of an old newspaper. Might be a good idea for fishing stations to do the same for fishermen - would help in keeping them from throwing garbage in the bays. - M.W. Avery, Wood Ridge, N.J.

Daily News - Aug. 10, 1972:"Henry Ford 2nd was the first visiting yachtsman to be given a plastic sack today as operation Clean Sea got under way on the glamor Island of Capri in the Bay of Naples.

The United States auto executive arrived aboard his yacht during the ecological ceremony, was singled out as a visitor of distinction and received the first sack, officials said.

Sacks were distributed to all yachts anchored in Capri harbor as part of the new campaign to keep the waters around the island clean. Signs in four languages were posted in the harbor calling on yachtsmen to use the bags and not throw refuse into the sea."

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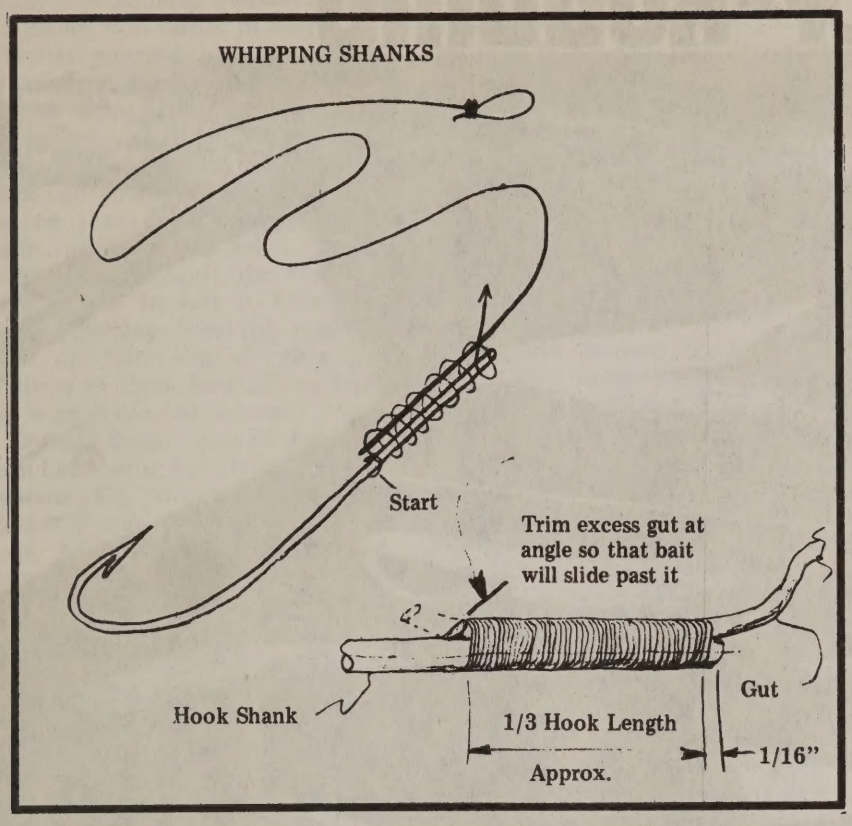

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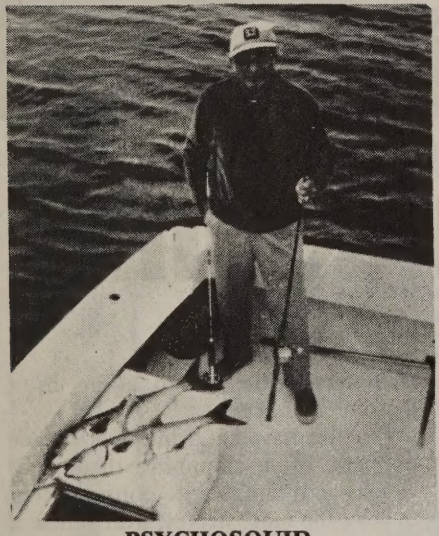

PSYCHOSQUID CONTEST WINNER

Winner of the Sevenstrand Psychosquid Contest for this week is Bob Wolfson, Margate, New Jersey. Bob trolled Psychosquids off the transom of the "FYNLEE III" to catch these bluefish. He will receive a $25. bag of Psychosquid lures. Psychosquid contest runs through the summer in this paper. Send your Psychosquid catch photos and details to: Squid Contest, c/o Dick Wood, 13 First Street, Ocean City, New Jersey 08226.

1st ANNUAL FAMILY FISHING OUTING

Our Lady of the Rosary Council #4428, Deer Park Knights of Columbus will hold a family fishing outing on Sunday, June 24, 1973 at Southhaven Park in Suffolk County. There will be a fishing contest for the children with prizes going to the children who catch the biggest fish. The day will be supervised by Mr. Earl Glashagel, an expert fresh-water fisherman and field tester for Shakespeare fishing equipment. The purpose of this outing is to introduce the children to our great outdoors and the fresh clean air that fishing represents. The grand prize of a Shakespeare Rod & Reel will be awarded to the child who catches the biggest fish. Runner up prizes are being donated by Mr. Jim Schendorf of Ha-Cha Stationers located in Deer Shore Shopping Center, North Babylon (next to the Deer Park Theatre). The Long Island fisherman will also award a one year subscription to its magazine, to the grand prize winner. We are sure that everyone concerned will have a good time and enjoy the experience that fishing affords to all. Co-Chairmen: Jim Vinciguerra & Jim Schendorf

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FLY-RODDING

Poppers and streamers can be tied in a variety of ways to imitate the baitfish where ever you fish

IN THE WESTERN SOUND

by Pete Barrett

Pelham Bay Park is a 2,000 acre expanse of woods, marshes, glacially-scarred rock and excellent fly rod fishing for blues and stripers. The Hutchinson River sloshes past the concrete giant of Co-op City and out into the shallow waters of Eastchester Bay. Wading here is easy as you cast from one rock to another, each one providing structure for lurking bass or blues to station themselves as they wait to pounce on unsuspecting baitfish.

Most bluefish here will not be large. The largest I ever saw went just over 10 pounds, but the typical catch goes about 18 - 20 inches and hits the 4 pound mark on the scales. These toothy critters ride in on the incoming tide in a feeding spree, relax at the high, then resume their rampage again on the outgoing - and what a scrappy battle they wage on the long rods!

With firm footing, wading is relatively easy and allows a careful stalk from one rock to the next. The bay can be idyllic at daybreak when there is barely a breeze to ripple the surface. Careless wading, however, can spook every fish within 100 yards.

Metal leaders, either single strand monel or braided, are a must to avoid lost tempers, lures and fish. The simplest type was shown to me by Ed Graser and is fashioned from plastic-coated braided wire bent in a loop and twisted back over itself. Heat the twists to melt the coating and the leader will hold securely and allow the streamer or popper to swing in a life-like manner.

Bluefish have an affinity for surface poppers, often slamming them with vicious abandon. White poppers seem to coax the most strikes, with yellow a close second. 1/0 hooks are the minimum with 3/0 the best size. Mylar strands added to the bucktail dressing of the tail adds extra sparkle and attractiveness.

Streamers, too, can be top-notch producers when the poppers fail to bring results. White and yellow are again the best colors to choose, with mylar - of course. White patterns with a streak of blue tied along the top are my favorite. With streamers, the most important thing to match is the length of the baitfish and not so much the

color; the fly rodder should carry a selection of patterns measuring from 2½ inches to 6 inches in length.

Boaters naturally have more mobility to fish the bay but, with the shallow depths, boats must be limited to cartoppers or inflatables. Fishing within a hundred feet or less of the shore can be exciting and put many fish on your stringer but, like the wader, no noise - please!

Beginning in April, the bay holds mostly bass. In July it becomes a bluefish holiday. Weakfish may also show up from time to time and numbers of these hard-hitting beauties were taken last season.

Orchard Beach - around the corner from Eastchester Bay - is another good location for stripers and blues, especially near the jetty and around Twin Island and Hunter's Island. Ranging still further along the shore up into Westchester County, weaving in and among the islands at New Rochelle can often lead to locating surfacing fish which are easy targets for the fly rodder. Zack Grossman caught the world's record fly rod blue near here for the ten pound tippet class. His 14 pound 4 ounce chopper was brought to gaff with a lead core shooting line and white, blue, purple and mylar streamer. See, all the records don't come from Florida!!!

Usually it is the schools of blues that erupt in violent surface-feeding forays, yet stripers, too, can surprise anyone. Tied up at Fort Schuyler in the shadow of the Throggs Neck Bridge on the USS DeLong, a destroyer escort, I had the quarter-deck watch when the water went white with splashing, frantic baitfish. Stripers waved their tails at the few sailors fishing off the fantail. A chief petty officer nearly bowled me over as he rushed to the ship's intercom.

"Captain Stevens, Lt. Johannson, Bob, Chico, Louie! Stripers are here! Stripers are here!" and then he dashed off to grab a rod and reel.

In moments two officers and a number of crewmen were tossing plugs at the mass of fish. Louie, the Bos'n Mate, had a fly rod. The total catch was 72 bass, including Louie's striper that had to be netted with a bucket to avoid breaking the leader. The smallest weighed 12 and the largest went 34 pounds. All this and I was stuck on the quarter deck!!

Across from Eastchester Bay and to the east, Long Island's north shore is blessed with many small bays and a rock strewn shoreline perfect for fly-rodding. Members of New York's

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A world's record catch for 10 lb. tippet, Zach Grossman displays his 14 lb., 4 oz. bluefish.

Zach used a lead core shooting line, 10 lb. tippet and a white, blue and purple mylar dressed streamer.

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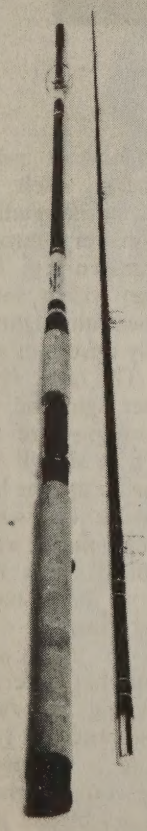

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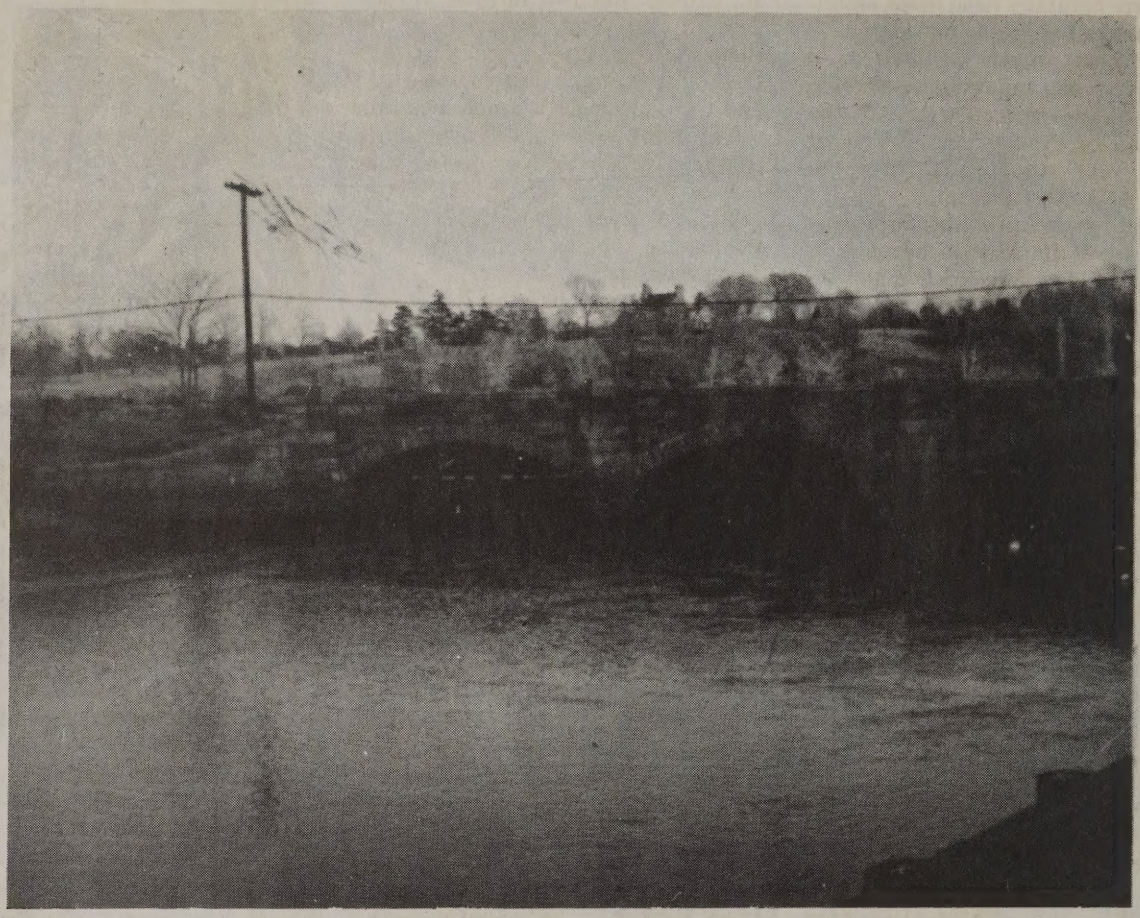


The Island's tidal streams produce the largest white perch.

by Don Vetter

As our associate editor pointed out to me last April, the official name for the striped bass, among the scientific community, is Morone saxatilis (alas poor Roccus, I knew him well). The genetic link between the lordly linesider and the lowly white perch (Morone americana) is apparently beyond doubt. Their similarity in appearance (if not in size) is matched by a like tendency in breeding habit; both are anadromous, i.e. they spawn in fresh or brackish water, and are very much at home in the salt chuck. Yet stripers are rightly considered a salt water species (though landlocked populations do exist and thrive, as in South Carolina's Santee-Cooper impoundments), while white perch are thought of as primarily a freshwater fish.

While the Island's tidal streams play host to hordes of these perch from late winter until the end of the spawning ritual in May, there are usually a few that choose to remain throughout the year rather than follow the herd back into the bays, and these are often the largest specimens - ranging up to near two pounds in weight. Fishing techniques vary according to the time of season; a tiny (1/16 to 1/8 ounce) white or yellow bucktail jig, or small shad dart, worked slowly near the bottom on light spinning tackle with little or no twitches of the rod, will pay off handsomely when the streams are chock full of perch in the cool months. Bloodworms fished on, or just off, the bottom with a #6 or 4 Carlisle hook will do the trick for the bait fisherman at that time of year. Live grass shrimp, lightly impaled on a small Eagle Claw or Mustad beak-type hook are dynamite at any time.

As spring turns to summer and the waters warm, the white perch become more active in their feeding habits. Working the bottom is out, and a faster lure retrieve is now in order. Spoons and spinners, such as Wob-l-rite and Mepps, in the smallest sizes and with silver or chrome finishes, come into their own now. The bait man will do better with a small lip-hooked killie, fished unweighted, cast across and slightly upstream and then slowly retrieved. The take, when it comes, will be rather light and the fight will be uninspiring; there are times when you won't be sure if the fish is still on. Keep the tip up, the line taught and the pressure on; white perch have a penchant for saving what fight they have in them for a last minute struggle, right at the moment you are about to land them.

Fishing for perch in lakes and ponds presents a somewhat different proposition from angling the tidal streams. I may be prejudiced but I do believe that fly casting is the most effective method for taking these inland dwelling white perch (and just

about everything else in sweetwater, I might add). The lightest of trout outfits, with a six and one half to seven foot rod and a 5 weight double taper floating line, would be ideal for this sort of fishing. Leaders need be no longer than seven and a half feet, with a tippet strength of about four pound test.

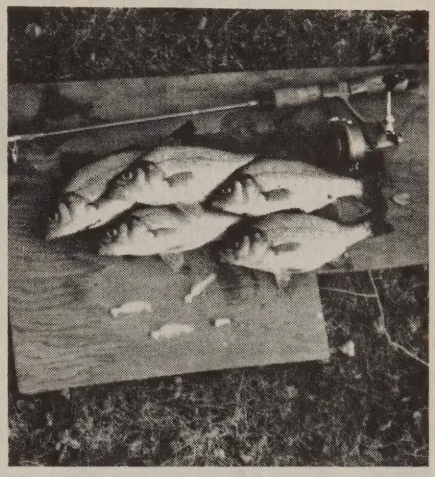
Fly selection is hardly a critical matter; almost any light-colored wet pattern in the #10 to #6 range will usually suffice. They typical panfish patterns such as Yellow Sally, White Miller and McGinty (Bee) are good choices, and don't forget a few small streamers - White Marabou, Silver Darter, Mickey Finn, etc. - as the white perch is often primarily a minnow feeder in these ponds, particularly when he reaches a decent size.

The retrieve should be relatively slow, in a series of short strips, with some pause between pulls. Keep a sharp eye on the line point since these perch are notoriously light takers: The slightest twitch may be all the indication you get that one has accepted your offering. Quick reflexes count; the perch will rarely if ever hook themselves, and are quick enough to spit out that mouthful of feathers when they realize it is not the easy meal it appeared to be.

Since perch travel in large schools in these inland ponds catching them is a feast or famine proposition; feast if you find a school, famine if you don't. As they say of eating potato chips, you can't eat just one. Neither can you catch just one white perch. Either you bring home a bucketful or leave skunked - the trick is to locate one of those schools.

At the tail end of Forge Pond on the Peconic River, west side of River Road where the water flows over a small spillway and under a miniscule bridge, there is a gathering place that seems to draw every white perch in the vicinity throughout most of the summer. Here, as elsewhere on the Island, late afternoon seems to be the time when the perch go on a feeding binge. I have here on occasion caught and released well over one hundred perch in less than two hours of fly fishing. This is not to say that this is the premier perch grounds on the Island; there are many ponds which can produce as well or better. I merely cite it as an example of what fast action this kind of fishing can provide. Just get out there and find yourself a school of hungry fish.

Whatever else you may think of white perch, you will have to admit they certainly are tasty when rolled in cornmeal and fried in butter or bacon fat, and just think of the distinguished family they belong to - first cousin to old king striper himself!



Tiny bucktails and shad darts produce well on white perch.

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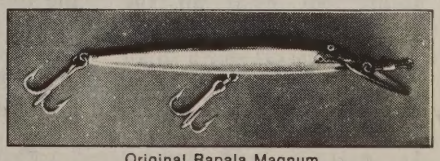

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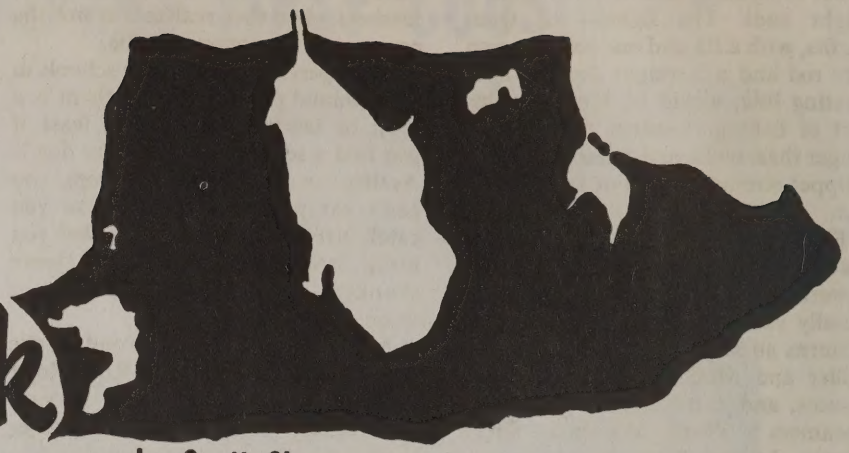


by Scott Simons

The small Hopkins came into view as I completed the retrieve. As I prepared to make another cast, the elderly gentleman standing next to me gazed blankly at the water. Suddenly, without emotion, he simply stated "Look at the fin."

I followed the direction of his gaze and, sure enough, there it was - a fin! We were at the end of the east jetty of the Montauk Inlet. Halfway down the length of the jetty, midway between the two jetties, we could see a large fin slowly weaving its way into the harbor as casually as one would take an afternoon stroll!

"Shark! Shark! SHARK!" I shouted as I frantically ran over the rocks to get within casting range. A shark in Montauk Lake! I could see the L.I. Fisherman headline now: "Man Catches Giant Mako in Montauk Lake," using a one-handed spinning outfit with 8-pound test, after a nine-hour battle! Impossible, to be sure, but at moments like this the sanest of fishermen would get a little light-headed.

As soon as I came parallel with the shark I made a hasty cast, in my excitement falling short and wide of the mark. By this time everyone on the jetty had taken up the cry, and the boats in the inlet were weaving around to avoid hitting each other while they tried to figure out what all the excitement was about. As I prepared to make my second cast, I saw a small outboard heading directly for the now rapidly weaving fin not twenty feet in front of it. Too late, the man at the wheel saw the fin and tried to swerve. The shark sounded as the hull passed directly over him. The lost, thoroughly frightened shark disappeared, along with my illusions of grandeur, never to be seen again.

This incident took place in August, 1970, and serves to illustrate a fact one quickly learns when fishing the jetties of Montauk - you never know what's going to happen next. For the past several years my family and I have spent the last week in August at Montauk, and we all look forward to this jetty fishing. While the shark incident may be an unusual occurance, consider it in the light of what happened a year later.

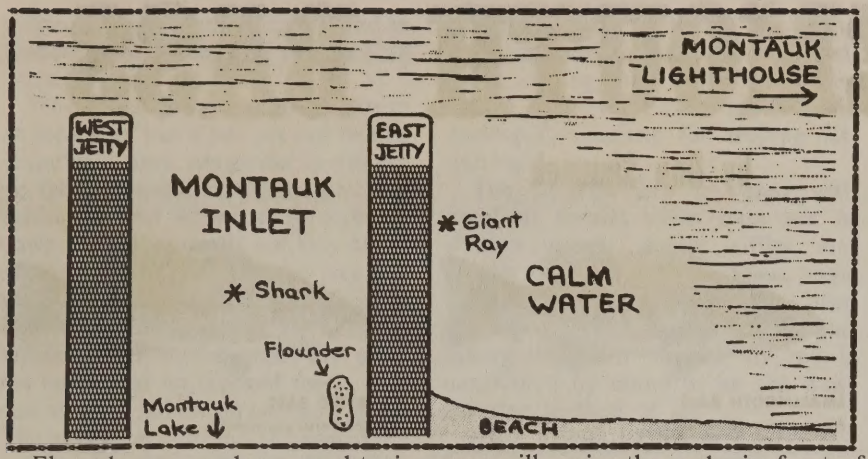
I was fishing on the beach side of the jetty for sundials. While they have little food value and are ridiculously easy to catch, they provide a lot of fun during the fishing lulls. Using the spearing we had netted for bait, I slowly moved it just below the surface and waited.

As I watched, a strange phenomenon began to take place...the sandy bottom was slowly moving towards the surface! Dumbfounded, I began to see that it wasn't the bottom at all, but the outline of a giant ray. He was tremendous, 5 or 6 feet around, and was gliding bird-like about five feet from the rocks. I began calling my brother, John, who was fishing at the tip of the jetty some fifty feet away so that he could witness this majestic stranger to our waters. Naturally, by the time he reached me the ray had returned to the bottom and I spent the rest of the day relating this unbelievable experience to many doubting ears.

My vindication came less than a week later when the latest issue of the L.I. Fisherman came (Issue No. 26, July 15th, 1971). The front page photo showed a torpedo electric ray that had been caught off Block Island two days after I had seen mine. The 149-lb. ray, capable of generating an average of 75 volts of electricity to stun its victims, measured 59 inches long and 44 inches from wingtip to wingtip. No one knew what brought these strangers to our shores, but the fact that they existed was enough to convince all the Doubting Thomas's that my story was true.

The most remarkable aspect of this jetty fishing is the wide variety of species that are often caught. Fishing the east jetty, I have personally caught fluke, flounder, kingfish, porgy, blackfish, mackerel, snapper-blues, blowfish, eels and 46,394 bergalls. I have seen other anglers pull up tommycod and a few small pollock. Remarkably, about the only fish that I haven't seen caught here is a striped bass. While most of the fish caught are on the small side, this wide variety more than makes up for what they lack in size.

There are two jetties at Montauk, the east and west. All of my fishing is done on the east jetty for one reason: the fishing is much better. Besides being much more crowded, the beach side of the west jetty is very shallow. On the beach side of the east jetty, however, the water is deep and there is a large protected area of water that is always calm and seems to attract fish. (See map inset.) There is also a beautiful beach adjacent to the jetty where the family may set themselves up while you fish. (Caution: a permit is needed to park in the beach parking lot and tickets are given out on the hour to offenders. Parking is available only 200 feet away at the Inlet Marina for $1. a day.)



Flounder can be caught in abundance year round from the jetties and nearby Montauk Lake. During the summer months my favorite spot is the inlet side where the beach meets the jetty. Most fishermen would pass this spot without a second glance and proceed to the end of the jetty, but this is where you'll find the action. After Columbus Day I move out to the end of the jetty where flounder approaching the snowshoe class are caught until the weather becomes too cold to crank a reel.

One of the most frustrating things that will happen to you on the jetties is committed by skin divers. Invariably, one will cruise the rocks in front of where you have been fishing all day and come up with a five or six pound blackfish on the shaft of his spear. This has happened to me a half dozen times, and it makes you want to break your rod in half and grab a spear. This probably happens because the blacks hug the rocks, and anglers have a tendency to cast far out. If you're fishing more than 30 feet from the rocks, you are wasting time.

Light tackle is the word. A one-handed spinner loaded with 6 - 8 lb. test is ideal for this fishing. Use a single flounder hook, light sinker and a small piece of bait (bloodworm or skimmer clam). A fish stringer is a must...put your fish on the stringer before you unhook him, or you'll lose more energetic fish between the rocks than you take home. Bring plenty of extra rigs for you'll lose quite a few on the rocky bottom.

So next time you have nothing to do on a sunny Sunday this summer, pack a lunch and take the family for a day at the beach and a great time...fishing the jetties of Montauk.

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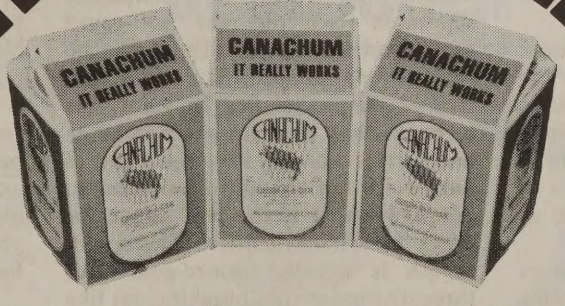

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LARGEMOUTH BASS

by Don Simunek

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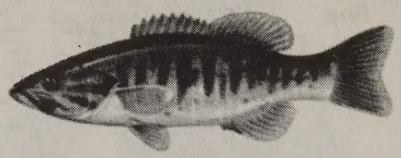

SMALLMOUTH BASS
Micropterus dolomieui

SPOTTED BASS
Micropterus punctulatus

One day in 1898, James Heddon sat whittling on the banks of Dowagiac Creek in Michigan. He tossed the piece of wood on which he had been working into the creek and watched it float away. Suddenly, the stick disappeared in a splash of water, then bobbed up again. A big bass had struck at the wood, then ejected it. Heddon mused over the experience and later whittled a torpedo-shaped cedar bait. A metal bottle cap went over its head and hooks were attached. He fished the lure by casting and retrieving. Heddon caught bass, big ones, and lots of them.

That was the birth of black bass fishing as it has been practiced in America for nearly three-quarters of a century. Ever since Jim Heddon first cast the crudely-shaped plug, bass fishing has been America's number one inland rod and reel sport.

Partly due to their distribution, partly to their gaminess, bass are the fish most-sought by the nation's fishermen. While originally confined to the central states, the south and the east, bass now live in some waters of each state. They are as American as Huckleberry Finn.

Their adaptability to new waters and ability to withstand extreme temperature variations and turbidity make bass the country's most plentiful fresh water game fish. Regardless of where you wander, you are never far from some river, lake, pond or stream capable of providing bass.

For most anglers, the largemouth bass is the most important species, followed by the smallmouth and finally, the spotted or Kentucky bass. They are the "Big Three" of the sunfish family, for it is within this group that bass belong. This same family includes blue gills, rock bass, crappies and many other fish. The largemouths, called "linesides", "mossback", "Oswego", "bigmouth", "green sunfish" or "green trout", have the broadest distribution. Though predominantly a south and middle Atlantic states fish, it is fairly plentiful in most areas. In fresh water of the deep south, the largemouth is without peer.

Confusion frequently exists about which bass is which. Fortunately, several easily-spotted identification points exist that help to put the finger on largemouth bass. They are easily distinguished from the smallmouth on four key points. The mouth of the largemouth is larger. When viewed from the side, the latch of the upper jaw extends to a position behind a vertical line drawn through the eye. The spiny portion of the largemouth's dorsal fin is almost completely separated from the rear, soft-rayed portion of the dorsal. There are no scales overlapping the base of the rear half of the dorsal fin. In color, the largemouth is black to greenish-white and carries a broad, irregular band of dark color horizontally from head to tail. Coloration is the best gauge for quick bass identification. The smallmouth is usually bronze-gold with three distinct stripes breaking out like sun rays from the eye backward over the gill cover. It has tiger-like stripes running vertically from the dorsal fin to the belly. In addition, most smallmouths (depending on the environment) have mottled grey-black splotches covering the belly.

All three bass are shaped similarly, although largemouths are usually stockier and built on shorter keels than bronzebacks or spotted bass. The smallmouth, regardless of age or habitat, is invariably a sleek, trim fish. With practice, the fisherman can tell, after hooking a bass, which kind is bucking his rod. Smallmouths jump readily and more often than largemouths, display greater speed and when not actually performing an aerial ballet, they dive with considerable force. Smallmouths also swim in tight circles when tiring.

A largemouth, however, pulls doggedly, jumps less frequently, and often pokes head and shoulders above the surface to bulldog along - half in, half out - rolling and rocking his head from side to side. The spotted bass, lacking originality, combines the fighting methods of largemouth and smallmouth.

You can often tell which fish has been hooked by the area being fished. Largemouths prefer mud bottoms, under lily pads in weeds, near stumps, fallen logs and rocks. Places which act as cover are where you will find the bass, the reason being that bass like to hide or camouflage themselves from predators or from the sun and heat.

When you see lily pads, you stand a very good chance of finding bass. Lily pads sit flat on the surface of the water and are about the size of a dinner plate. These pads are found floating above shallow water and are rarely found in water deeper than ten feet.

Bass can be found around "pickerel weeds", which grow in muddy bottoms. These weeds are narrow, about an inch in diameter, and range in size from one to three feet: they are found close to shore. There is nothing more tempting than an over-hanging tree for bass fishing. These logs or stumps provide excellent protection for bass.

When fishing in deeper water for largemouths, your best bet is to go where there is a rocky bottom. Bass like deeper water because it is cooler and the rocks make it a perfect place

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to live. For every largemouth found in shallow water, you will find ten in deeper water.

When fishing for bass, you can be in an ideal spot but if you are not fishing at the right time, you probably will not be too successful. Largemouth bass fishing is best either at dusk or at dawn. Bass are usually not very active during the hot part of the day but when the sun goes down, be prepared for some exciting action. Early in the morning and late at night are when the bass come up top and feed - they can then be taken on surface plugs. The bass seem more active because the action with other pleasure boats has quieted down.

There are six major techniques for bass fishing, top water plug casting, mid-water plug and lure casting, live bait fishing, bottom bumping, trolling and fly rod casting with a bug, fly, popper or streamer. Each technique is practiced under certain recognizable conditions.

Top water plug casting, for example, is the kind of sport that pays off in spring and fall when bass are active along shorelines and in shallow water. The gear needed can be either a bait-casting outfit or a good spinning rig of equivalent capability.

Mid-water plug and lure casting is very widely used in deeper water and in warmer weather when bass are known to frequent the shelter of sunken brush piles and trees, and lie along submerged banks and ridges not far from shore. Tackle required is the same as for top-water work. The plugs and lures are of either the open-water or weedless kind and depend on action while moving to attract the bass.

Live bait fishing is usually done from a motionless boat, although the tackle is essentially the same. This method requires patience, sensitive "feel", and knowledge of where deep-lying bass may be found. It's great in the hot weather of summer and in deep lakes.

Bottom-bumping is lure fishing with special spoons, plugs, and weighted lures that are worked along the bottom in a life-like manner. It is very productive when resting bass have been located in deeper water where they spend daylight hours waiting for the cool of evening when they move inshore to raid favorite feeding spots. Heavy bait-casting or spinning tackle or medium trolling gear is required.

Trolling is often called the "lazy man's technique" but is unsurpassed for locating bass in a large lake. Either spinning or "conventional" (revolving spool, star drag) tackle can be used. Some casting lures work well when trolled, but there are many lures developed specially for trolling situations.

The fly rod can be used with excellent results when bass are in shallow water, stream riffles and similar reachable places. Flies, bugs, poppers and streamers have been developed especially for bass, and taking these fish on the fly rod is considered by many to be the most sporting method of all.

After a long battle, and after you have successfully landed your bass, many people wonder what to do with it. Well, let me tell you, there is nothing better than fresh bass fillets. From one good-sized bass, if filleted properly, you should get four decent fillets. Dipped in flour and then fried to a golden brown, the taste is indescribably delicious.

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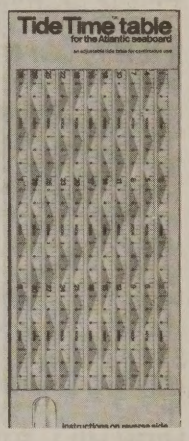

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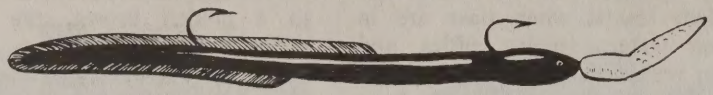

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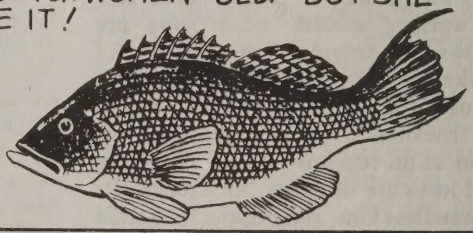

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ARTIFICIALS TAKE FLUKE

by Ron Onorato

Ask ten average fluke fishermen what the best way is to catch summer faltfish and the answer would be basically the same for all ten: Put a live killy or spearing with a strip of squid on a long-leadered, long-shanked hook and you are set for either drifting or trolling. What most people fail to realize is that fluke will strike artificial plugs or lures with the same ferocity, or even more readily, than it will the time-honored baits. But there are a number of variations that should be practiced when using artificials for bait. A little discussion will show the simpleness of the techniques involved.

Finding areas where fluke feed is usually no problem. Ask the livery station owner or use a chart to look for deep holes along the edges of channels or drop-offs. Once the fish have been found the rest of the work is relatively easy. Fluke spend most of their time on or near the bottom; on occasion they will pursue their food to the surface and actually leap clear of the water in the process of frenzied feeding. It is important, therefore, to normally keep the lures being used within a three-foot vertical range of the bottom.

I have found the following lures to be the most successful fish getters; 4½ - 5½ inch rebel plugs in the sinker model - either blue or black finishes; 7 inch Alou elvers in either black or grey; white or yellow bucktails ranging in weights from ½ - 1 oz.; Salty Dog shrimp in either white or pink, ½ - 1 oz. All of these lures produced extremely well last year which, incidentally, was the best fluke year I had seen in the last five or six years.

For maximum lure manipulation as well as sport I use a 6½ foot one-handed spinning rod. I find that a matching reel filled with 8 lb. line is more than sufficient to whip the biggest doormat around. I tie all the lures directly to the line with the exception of the bucktails, with which I use six-inch wire leaders. Fluke have sharp teeth and can easily cut light line.

The important thing to remember is to work the lure deep: I simply cast the lure out and let it hit bottom. Then I reel it in very slowly. When using the Alou eels and bucktails, I let them bounce off the bottom every once in a while. If there are any fluke in the area they will not pass up an easy whatever-it-is that the eel or jig imitate. With the rebels many of the strikes come when the lure is near the surface.

If casting isn't your bag than trolling can work equally well. I use the same plugs and lures, the only exception being a ½ or 1 oz. trolling sinker tied three feet ahead of the plug. This works especially well with the Alou eel. On light tackle a fluke, even a small one, will give you quite a sporting fight.

To all you bottom-bouncers who have never tried artificials for fluke, break the tradition and try it the next time you go for summer flatfish; you will be surprised at the results. Just remember there is a 14 inch size limit on all fluke.

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Salty Fly Rodders methodically work these areas around Bayville, Center Island Reef, Peterson Cove and Fort Totten for stripers, blues and weakfish. Cartoppers offer the advantage when schools are on the move, but beach-bound anglers also experience good fishing.

Neil Drugger, one of the club's founders, enjoys wading out to boulders a short distance from shore at low water. Aside from providing feeding stations for gamefish, the boulders also make ideal casting platforms. Neil advises newcomers to keep a watchful eye on the tide - unless you don't mind spending a few hours surrounded by deep water!

White streamers are preferred by many here, while others enjoy using poppers for the fantastic strikes they bring. Some of the regulars like Ken Bay, co-author of "Saltwater Flies", take delight in fooling stripers on KaBoom-Boom-style cork or balsa creations. Stripers of better than ten pounds have been gaffed using these tiny poppers by Neil, Ken, Lou Rossi and other members of the Salty Fly Rodders.

One of the delightful by products of fishing with the fly rod is the relative peace and quiet available. Many of the spots mentioned are off the beaten track of the hordes of boaters, the congestion of the public beaches and the crowded locations so typical of todays fishing.

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any taste more unpleasant than a nice fish, baked, broiled, fried or etc., that has gotten the taste of oil with it.

If possible, never leave fish overboard. While the water may be clean at the time you catch it, almost always some oil will drift by and ruin the fish for you. Actually, while fishing, I never keep fish that have come through a visible oil slick. If you are reasonably certain the water is without the taint of oil, it certainly is better to string them than to leave them in the sun.

Basically, the two things to remember about good-quality, eating fish is to gut them as soon as possible and keep them cool.

Yours for good eating, good health and good fishing.

South Shore Report

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Capt. Paul Forsberg, skipper of the Viking Star, reports fishing at Cox's Ledge continues to good to excellent. there are plenty of big codfish for everyone. The pool fish is generally up around the 50 lb. class, and a good portion of the catch is in the 20 to 40 lb. range.

Capt. Les Behan of the Peconic Queen II said he had an excellent week at Cox's Ledge with lots of big fish 30 to 40 lbs. A woman, Rae Swann, took the pool on Saturday with a 50 lb. cod. There was a 38 lb. pollack caught that day also. Andy Pollio won the pool on Sunday with a 56 lb. cod. The Queen made her scheduled Father's Day Special to the Andrea Doria, however, at press time no results of the trip were in yet.

Capt. Whitey Bateman of the Four Queens reported striped bass fishing is fair, with no outstanding catches to report. About seven or eight fish up to 25 lbs. is the average catch per trip. Plenty of bass were spotted on the recorder but they refused to feed. The fishing is being done alternately between Great Eastern and the Pollack Rip. Capt. Bateman said, "we could fish the Rip for two hours and do nothing, then leave only to find feeding fish when we return." It' difficult to say which method is better.

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KEEPING FISH GOOD

by Bernie Schwartz

For years I've contemplated what happens to all the fish caught in the stories I read. It seems, from reading, that everyone knows how to catch fish. I'm going to do something else: I'm going to teach you how to take care of the fish you catch so that, at the very least, they will be fit to eat.

Many, many times I've watched youngsters going by carrying plastic bags with snappers, sand porgies, flounders, and sundry other fish. Hurrying home with their catch, they proudly show it to their friends and family. Now to clean and cook it. But - it's too late! It's already cooked, guts and all.

Do you think I am trying to tell you something? You'd better believe it. Do not carry or keep your fish in a plastic bag where the sun can hit it. I repeat, if you do not want steamed fish, viscera and all, keep them out of the sun.

The plastic bag has been a godsend to some of us mortals. It holds our fish very nicely and keeps clothes and backs of cars dry and clean, and it's really very convenient, but when carrying fish keep them covered with a paper bag or a wet cloth bag; at the very least keep them out of the sun. Carrying the fish in a water-filled container isn't any better because the sun will warm the water very quickly and all you will have is boiled, spoiled fish.

Of course, our next story would be the fellow who fills up a pail while fishing from a dock or pier. It may be all right to do that in April or March when it's a little nippy outside. In July or August it would be a first class "no no", by the time the top is filled the bottom is usually soft. The words "fresh fish" not only mean recently caught, but also kept properly for human consumption.

A styrofoam box with ice is the simplest way out of the warm weather dilemma: it is not expensive, and being so light can be easily carried; it can also be used over and over again.

Ice may be your problem - either getting it or paying for it. Two or three milk cartons full of water and frozen in your home freezer is a simple and inexpensive solution to that problem. Even a few trays of ice cubes do the job.

A really good trick is to freeze plastic jugs full of water; the half-gallon plastic milk containers are fabulous for that. Don't fill them too full because ice expands and will crack the plastic. Place the jugs in your fish box and you will not only keep the fish cold and fresh, but you will also have plenty of fresh cold water as the ice melts in the jugs. Fishing the Florida Keys gave me that one.

If ice is not available, keep your fish shaded and as cool as possible. Wet newspaper, paper towels, cloths, leaves, wet marsh grass, wet seaweed, anything that can be wet so that the shade provided, and the evaporation of the water, will keep the fish cool. It would be an excellent idea to gut your fish as soon as possible: this also helps preserve the flavor.

Fishing the surf presents a problem, especially if you haven't a beach buggy. It is almost impossible to walk good lengths of beach or climb long, rough jetties carrying ice and styrofoam boxes. That is - unless you have a caddy, (wife, kids, etc.) to carry it for you. Most surf men I know will bury their fish deep enough to get below the surface layer of sand - generally for two reason: One - to keep them hidden, and the second to keep them cool. (Warning - Warning) Do not forget the tide comes in as well as goes out! It's exasperating to lose fish this way. I can tell you from actual experience, having left one prime striped bass of about 14 lbs. buried like lost treasure, in the Reis Park surf.

One of the first things I should have mentioned, and deliberately left until now, was the old-fashioned fish stringer. That sounds like the easiest and best solution to keeping the fish cool. Letting them swim in the water they came from should keep them nicely: Of course, they die on the stringer, and summer time water is generally between 60 and 70 degrees, really not to conducive to keeping fish very well. But the main reason for not using a stringer is oil. Oil from the pilings, from outboards, street drainage, illegal dumping and bilge spillover, and thousands of other large and small leakages. I don't know of

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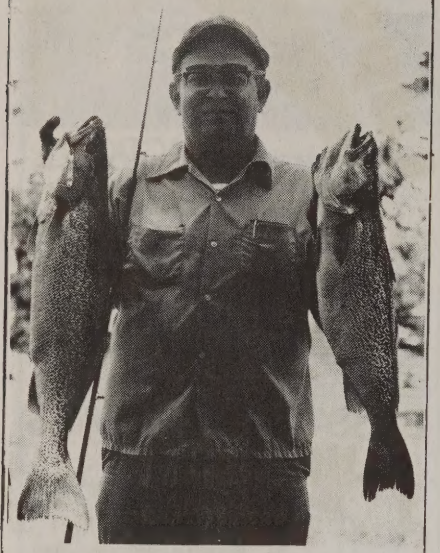

Writer Vernon Stevens caught this pair of 7 lb. Weakfish or Squeteague (Seatrout) jigging with the 75 with a treble bucktail by Virginia's famed Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Vern uses the ¾ oz. 75B near full flood or ebb tides and changes to the heavier Shorty 150B (1½ oz.) and then the Shorty 225 B (2¼ oz.) as tidal speed increases. The 75 can also be surf cast for Weakfish and is great too, for:

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Sometimes the bass will hit the tubes and other times they prefer the Parachute rig with pork rind.

John Keller of the Lake Montauk Marina reports fluke are being caught in good numbers in the North Rips. Drifting with squid, sand eels or shiners will catch these fluke. Striped bass are being taken in the rips around the Lighthouse. Trolling with tubes or umbrella rigs is the best method for the bass. There are also some blacks and flounders being caught.

Hilda Tuma of Tuma's Bait & Tackle reports the charter boats are doing quite well trolling for striped bass at the North Bar and off the southeast end of Block Island. The party boats are coming in with good catches of cod, pollack and fluke. Casters, fishing off the Montauk jetties and piers, are doing well with flounder and fluke.

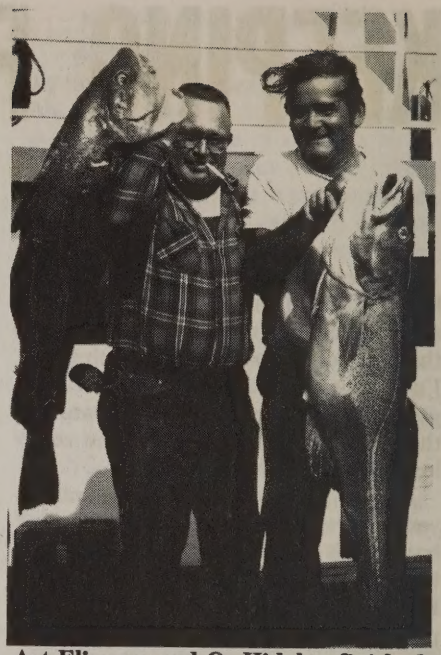
Capt. Bud Dorman of the party boat Viking Skipper reports that the summer run of cod is shaping up fine at Sharks Ledge. Bud said quite a few fish in the 30 to 40 lb. class can be caught. The best catch of the week was made by Mr. Seltenreich of the Bronx who had a mixed catch of 48 cod, pollack and blackfish.

PROMISED LAND

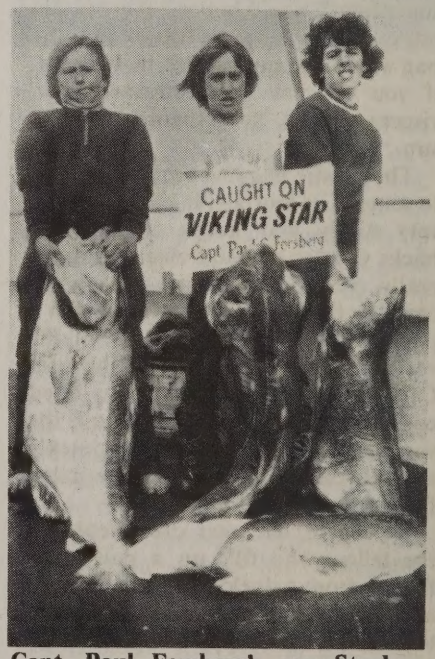
Art Brand of the Promised Land Fishing Station said the bottom fell out of the bottom fishing this week, mainly because of the weather. Those that are going out are finding a few of each species to make up a mixed bag of fish. Some fair striped bass fishing is taking place off Napeague Harbor and off the Cartwright Island. The bass are taking trolled Rebels or bucktails.

SAG HARBOR

Dan McLane of the Bayview Tackle & Bait reports the fishing this past weekend was slow but there are still some weakfish being taken at Smith's Cove, and some bass and blues are being trolled at South Ferry on bucktails. Fred Conklin, along with Charlie and Fred Guyer, trolled bucktails for six striped bass and one bluefish. Dan Siano has been fishing the South Ferry area in the pre-dawn hours, trolling with live eels, and he's been scoring with bass up to 35 lbs.



Art Eliasson and O. Hidalgo finished in a dead heat with 46 lb. codfish. These giant cod were caught at Cox's Ledge while fishing aboard the Helcat.



Capt. Paul Forsberg's son Stephen [left] struggles to hold a 65 lb. codfish, while Capt. Forsberg's nephew Donnie holds a 54 lb. cod and the gally mans son, Jimmy, holds a 52 lb. Hake. Although the boy had quite a battle, they did a fine job in landing these monster fish. The great fishing took place on a new wreck that Capt. Forsberg found last week. Tilefish were also caught.

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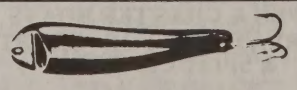
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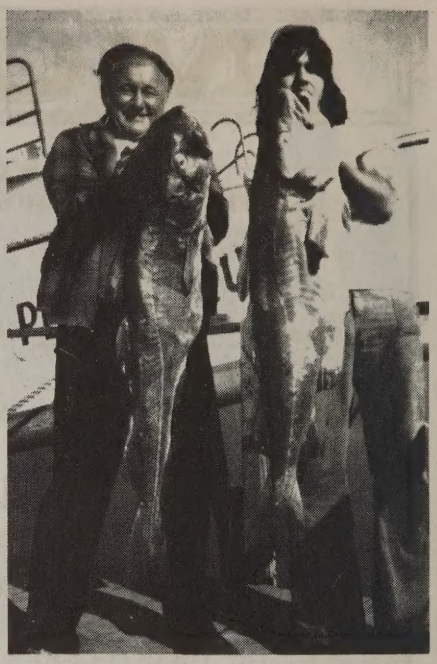

Joe Vesalonis and Andrew Garzp show a couple of big codfish caught aboard the Peconic Queen.

SHINNECOCK

Mickey Altenkirch of Altenkirch Bait & Tackle Shop reports the fishermen are doing fair in Shinnecock Bay on flounder and fluke. The fluke are plentiful but there are lots of small ones that must be returned. Those fishing the Peconics are not doing too well. The weather has been hindering the catches there. Some blues and bass are being trolled at Shinnecock Inlet. Trolling various lures at the beginning of the ebb is best.

Both Capt. Clark, Jr. and Sr. are fishing the Peconics for weakfish. Capt. Clark, Jr. said, "The weakfishing seemed to be on the upswing, with excellent catches on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On the weekend, between the heavy boat traffic and the wind, the fishing slowed. The best action is at Jessups, the Middle Grounds and some action just beginning to build on the west end of Robins Island. Squid and worm baits are the preferred baits.

HAMPTON BAYS

Ted DeCastri of the Three Aces Fishing Center reports fluke fishing is fair to good. One of the most productive spots is over by the Coast Guard Station. Ken Turco took three bass at the inlet trolling umbrella rigs at the turn of the tide. Some blues are being caught in 90 ft. of water south of the inlet. There are some fluke and porgies in the Peconics but the fishing

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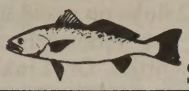

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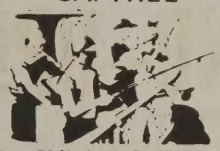

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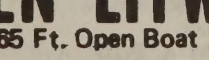

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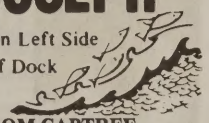

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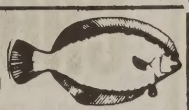

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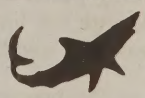

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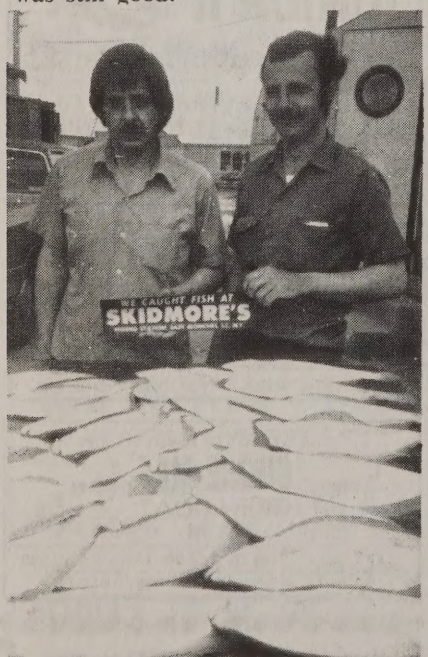
Ronnie Kuczynski of Tony's Fishing Station reports fluke fishing is o.k. Two guys came in with 17 fluke up to 6 lbs. The fluke are being caught on both sides of the bridge and at Buoy 17. They are plentiful but many are short and must be returned to the water. Surprisingly, the flounder fishing is still good.

MORICHES

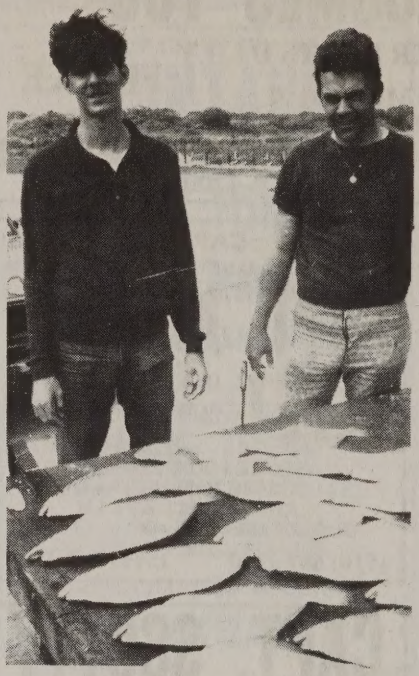
Joe Stozetto of the Shoreline Marina reports the fluke fishing is good over by the new cut. Weakfish are being taken at Buoy 27. These weaks are ranging in sizes up to 4 lbs. Flounder fishing is holding up well at the Brown House. Private boatmen are catching striped bass and bluefish at the inlet on small eels or clam baits.

Al Lassen of the Hi-Way Fishing Station said fluke are plentiful, but many are too small to keep. One party of three fishermen came in with 65 keepers. They reported that over 100 fish had to be thrown back. Drifting or a slow troll at Buoy 39 with squid and killie baits will catch the fluke. Tom Applegate tied into a 6 lb. blue while he was drifting for fluke. Flounder fishing is holding up well at Buoys 36 to 38. Weaks, fluke and blues are being taken at Buoy 42. Al said that despite the lousy weather, the fishing was still good.



Philip Kelly & S. Eckna caught 36 fluke at Buoys 36 thru 39 in Moriches Bay. Killie & squid combo baits did the trick. Photo by Skidmore's.

Nancy Skidmore of Skidmore's Fishing Station reports the fluke



Richard Olnmacht & Charlie Turner caught 16 fluke from 2 to 4 lbs. They used killies & squid baits at Bouy 38 & 39 in Moriches Bay. Photo by Silly Lily Fishing Station.

fishing over the weekend was outstanding, especially on Saturday. Many of the fluke are small and must be returned, but there are enough fish around so that a fisherman can return all the illegal fish and still come in with a good catch. Danny Dennis caught a total of 22 fluke on squid and killies at the old cut. Flounders are still surprisingly plentiful. Dr. Linkoff came in with 2 buckets of fat flatties.

MASTIC BEACH

Ronnie Keenan of Keenan's fishing Station reports fluke fishing is out of this world. All you need to do is drift some shiners between Buoys 23 to 25 and you'll make a decent catch of fluke. The keepers are around 3 lbs. but many are shorts. There are good catches of weaks coming in from Buoy 23. Worms seem to work best. Lots of blues are being caught at Buoy 21, but only in the early mornings. These blues are running in size up to 7 lbs. Bucktails are taking small bass at night at the Smith Point Bridge.

WEST SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reports it's been poor weather, but the fishing has been good

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anyway. Most boats are coming in with a mixed bag of fluke, weaks and kingfish. The hottest spot is between Buoys 28 and 29, heading towards Ocean Beach. Some weaks are being caught south of Buoy 4. Blue claw crabs are showing up in good numbers.

CAPTREE

Capt. George Mahr, skipper of the Anna M III, reports the fluke catches have been excellent all week long. They seem to be decent in size and all quite willing to take a bait. A couple of the better spots are off West Island and off Ocean Beach. The weakfishing slowed down to a crawl.

Capt. George Tweedy, skipper of the Capt. Scotty, said the weakfishing was good early last week, but with each passing day it tapered down to nothing. As the weaks slowed, a quick switch was made to fluke fishing. The fluke fishing was excellent on Saturday but slowed somewhat on Sunday. "The strong winds prevented us from making the proper drifts. It looks like a banner year for fluking."

Capt. Speedy Hubert started out last week hunting the bluefish but he found the bluefish schools to be too few and too scattered, so now he's taking the Speedy V for fluke. He found these fish more than plentiful, ranging in size from 1½ to 10 lbs. Capt. Hubert said, "Sunday's fishing was a little tough but we wound up with a decent catch by the end of the day." Capt. Hubert also said the Captree boats are averaging 100 to 150 fish per boat, with some of the larger boats coming in with over 300 fish aboard.

Capt. Bill Joseph of the Capt. Joseph Fleet called the fluke fishing "remarkable." He said the fishing has been good all week. The fluke are ranging in size from just keepers to 5 lbs., with an occasional fish up to 10 lbs. There are plenty of fish so that the fishermen can return the small ones and still come home with a fair share of fish. Capt. Bill said this is the best fluke fishing he's seen in years.

The report from the Captree Bait Station is the pier fishermen are picking up flounder and fluke. Robert Moses fishing piers are producing better than the Captree piers. Any bait is working.

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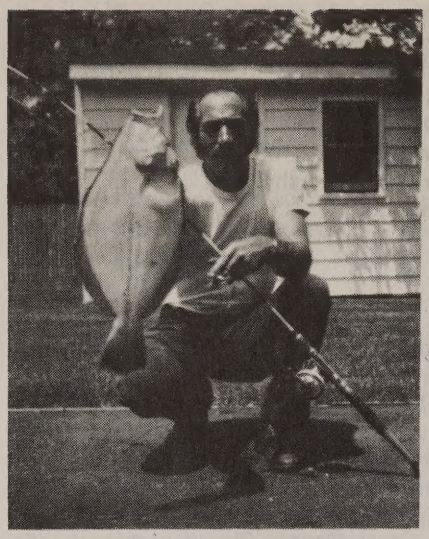
Jean Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle said not many boats went out



John St. Amgelo caught this 4½ lb. fluke at Bouy 4 of The Fire Island Inlet. John used squid for bait.

of the inlet this past weekend because the sea was too rough, however, in the bay anglers found the fluke and weaks to be cooperative. The best spot for these fish was off Buoy 4 of Heckscher Park. A good sized school of bluefish moved into the inlet. They were being caught by trollers and they ranged in size from 2 to 4 lbs. Tony Tavallo scored with 15 fluke at the Coast Guard Station. Tony used squid for bait. Fluke and weaks mixed are being taken at Snake Hill Channel, the Coast Guard Station and at Buoy 4. There's some bluefish action at the Farm Shoals. At the Babylon Town Dock, anglers are picking up some weakfish at night and also some blue claw crabs.

Charlie Crowley of Charlie's Fishing Station reports a good number of fluke came in despite the bad weather. The State Channels seem to be best for the fluke. Weakfish are bouncing back. Good catches of 3 to 4 lb. weaks were made in the East West Channel. Doc Grell caught 25 bluefish in the 3 to 4 lb. range at Steamboat Channel. Doc was using popping plugs.

Dennis Frederick of the Flying Dutchman reported he's fishing West Channel where he finds the fluke fishing to be pretty good. Whenever the wind is too strong, it makes the drift too fast. This results in poorer catches. This is what caused the fishing to fall off somewhat on Sunday, however, Capt. Frederick returned with 33 fluke for 16 passengers anyhow. The size range of the fluke is from just keeper size to 4 or 5 lbs., excellent table fare.

LINDENHURST

John Schaefer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle said there are lots of fish being caught. The fluke are plentiful, however, many are too small. West Channel and the inlet area is producing fluke and weaks mixed. There is a run of blues and bass both just inside and outside the Fire Island Inlet. Offshore fishermen are trolling blues south of the head buoy. Crabbing is good all over the flats. John said, "if the weather would settle down, I think we would have outstanding fishing."

Capt. Bill Hoffman who sails his Sea Horse out of Popeye's Dock reports the fluke fishing picked up considerably this past week, with some larger fish moving into the area. High hook on the weekend was 12 fish. Of the 12 fish, 4 had to be returned. The remainder ranged up to 4 lbs. There don't seem to be many doormat sized fish around but occasionally a 10 pounder is caught. The top of the tide is producing best. On one drift a passenger picked up a 2 lb. bluefish.

AMITYVILLE

Marty of Sportackular reports John Naimoli came in with 26 school sized bass which he caught off the Fire Island Light on clam chum. Some small blues are being taken offshore in 40 ft. of water; the sea was too lumpy to do a really good job on the blues. Weakfishing is poor but fluke and small blues are filling the gap for the bay fishermen. The best spot for these is the Farm Shoals.

George Combs Bait & Tackle reports fluke fishing is very good at Squaw Island and in the Amityville Cut. Richard Alvino caught 40 fluke up to 6½ lbs. A new bunch of weakfish moved into the bay. These weaks are 1¼ to 2 lbs. One customer came in with 11 striped bass to 8 lbs. They were caught in the State Channel by the Measured Mile on clam bellies and clam chum.

SEAFORD

Carmine of Dell's Fishing Station reports Cooky Alfred and his two sons caught four bass on Sunday morning at the 2nd Bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Hulland and their son made a good catch of fluke at the 1st Bridge and at the Four Corners. The Hulland's were drifting with squid and shiner baits.

Joe of Pop's Fishing Station said fluke are being taken at Draw Bridge Channel and the Steel Dock. Many of the fluke are throw-backs. Drifting with squid and killies or shiners is the proper way. Weaks are being caught but you have to chum. Those who are not chumming are getting fewer fish. Blue claw crabs are showing all over the bay.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle reports the striper fishing is very good. He said, "Pick your favorite spot in the State Channel and chum with clams and you can't miss." Weakfish are also being caught in the State Channel. Fluke fishing is fair and improving. Al and Steve Lipthy took four fluke to 8 lbs. out of Jones Inlet. They used sand eel and squid for bait. Flounders are going out and blue claw crabs are coming in.

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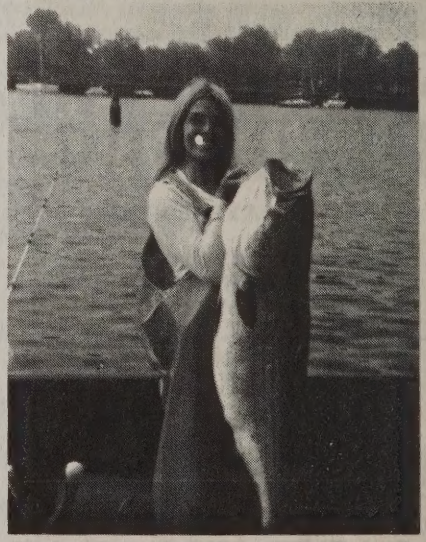
FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the Freeport Star Stream reported good bluefishing this entire week. On Saturday, Charlie Philips of Elmhurst landed the pool fish which weighed in at 15½ lbs. On Sunday, the Star Stream returned with approximately 70 fish. Rich said the average in weight ran between 5 and 10 lbs.



Kathy O'Rourke doesn't look to be straining to hold her 40 lb. striped bass. The big bass was fooled by a red surgical tube trolled at Sandy Hook. 3 other fish of 24 - 26 & 28 lbs. were taken aboard.

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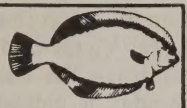

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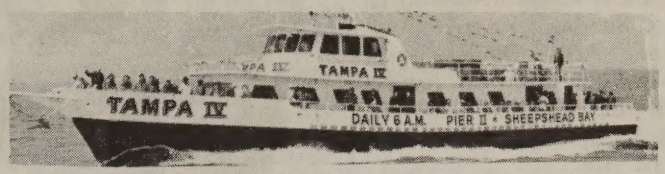

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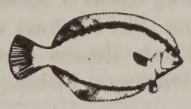

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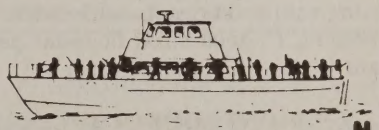

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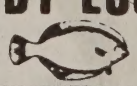

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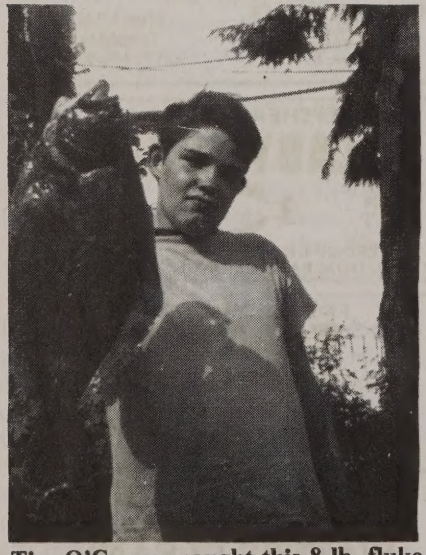
Al Lindroth of the party boat Capt. Al also reported good blue action this week. On Saturday, Morgan Burgess of New York City was hi-hook with 15 fish, while on Sunday, with continuing good action, Artie Douglas was hi-hook with 16 fish. Al reports finding his best action south of Cholera Banks and says the fish have been of good size.

Capt. Paul Schmidt of the Aloma II said that on Saturday he ran to Rockaway in pursuit of fluke. After finding the fishing slower than anticipated, he returned to Jones Inlet and drifted for fluke. Paul said the action was not fast enough so he switched to flounder and salvaged the day. On Sunday, Paul went flounder fishing with good results, with catches averaging 15 good sized flounder per man.

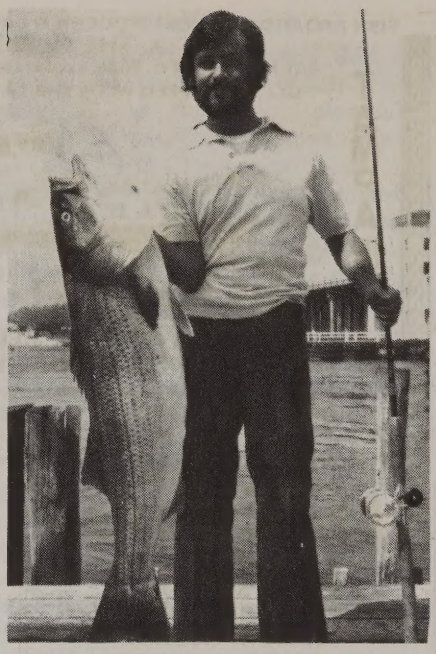
POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White of the Point Lookout Angler II reports good blue action this past week. Capt. White said the blues are to be found in an area south of Cholera Banks. The fish have been of good size, ranging between 5 to 10 lbs., with the pool fish usually weighing in at 11 or 12 lbs.

Mrs. Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reports that fluke fishing has picked up this past week. Although many fish are throw-backs, boats have been averaging 8 to 10 fluke per boat, with weights up to 6 lbs. Flounder fishing remains excellent in the Swift Creek and Short Beach Coast Guard Station areas. Mrs. Wardle said a few bass have been caught at the Parkway Bridge, but hardly enough to make it worthwhile.



Tim O'Connor caught this 8 lb. fluke in Jones Inlet.



Rich Goldberg shows a 38 lb. Bunker caught striper. The big bass was taken at Sandy Hook aboard the "Kim". Photo by Henning's Fishing Station.

ISLAND PARK

John Esposito of the Commodore Fishing Station reports that Capt. Clem Esposito of the party boat Commodore has been having good fluke action at Debs Inlet and along Rockaway. Despite the good fluke fishing, John reports quite a few are shorts. John also weighed in a few bass which were caught off Long Beach. On Tuesday, Bill Hopt and John Rivara of Rockaway weighed in a striper of 26 lbs. On Sunday, they returned and landed two more going 19¼ and 35 lbs. even. The bass fell for fresh bunkers.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station said fluke fishing remains good with catches averaging 6 to 8 keepers per boat. Robert Wallace of Lawrence, fishing aboard the Fred-Glo, landed the largest weighed in at the station. It went 5 lbs. 4 ozs. Joe Jeffries, fishing with his son, Bill, on Thursday, landed 12 stripers averaging 3 to 6 lbs. The highlight of the day was a 23 pounder. They had their best action with clam bellies fishing at the Atlantic Beach Bridge. Leon reports substantial catches of big bass made off Long Beach and Rockaway during the week. Most of these bass are being trolled or fished with fresh bunkers.

JAMAICA BAY

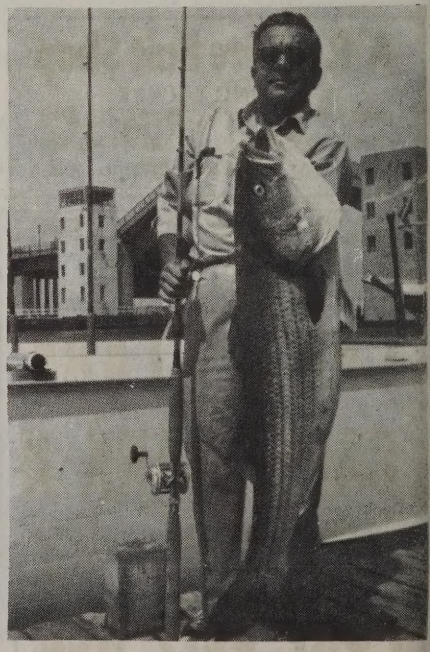
John Brando of the Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop said fluke fishing at Marine Parkway Bridge has been good with fluke averaging between 2 and 3 lbs. Porgies can be caught off the Sea Wall at Beach Channel Drive, however, they are not the biggest in size. John said bass fishing is slow while eel fishing and crabbing remains fair to good.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Fred Ardolino of the Amberjack IV said Saturday's tile fish trip was not as good as it should have been. With bad weather being the cause, exceptionally heavy weights were needed to hold bottom, however, they still returned with 150 tilefish. Due to the influx of big blues, the Amberjack IV will be bluefishing seven days a week, and night fishing every night except Monday.

Capt. Victor Becker of the Tampa IV said he has been having good bluefishing at the H.A. Buoy this past week. Victor said that on Friday and Saturday the fishing slowed, but on Sunday it picked up again and the Tampa IV returned with over 200 big blues. Beginning this Friday night, the Tampa will sail nightly for blues.

Harold Anderson of the Bay End Dock said fluke fishing is excellent at the Plum Beach flats. Some boats



Werner Puddick holds a 34 lb. striper which was caught while fishing aboard the "Kim" at Sandy Hook. The big bass took a bunker bait. Photo by Hennings Fishing Station.

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catch in excess of 100 fluke, however, over 90 percent of them are shorts. For the fluke man who's looking for quality, Harold recommends the Tin Can Grounds. A few stripers are being caught at the Round House on bucktails by local sharpies.

Mike of Mike's Tackle reports good blue action on most party boats on Friday and Saturday nights. Mike said most of the blue action was found in the area of the Farms. A fluke of 4 lbs. 8 ozs., caught on the Capt. Red by Charles Crudelle, was weighed in over the weekend.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reports bass fishing at Oakwood Beach and Annadale Beach is red hot. Richie Castellano, using a Kastmaster jig, landed 18 fish up to 15¾ lbs. The fishing at Annadale has been equally as good this past week. Lenny said the fish have been responding to plugs, jigs, bucktails and poppers. John Mester managed a mixed bag on Sunday. His catch consisted of bass and blues, with his best fish being a blue of 9 lbs. 6 ozs. They were landed outside Great Kills Harbor. Weakfishing has been poor, while fluke fishing is good along most beaches. Crabbing remains fair to good in Great Kills Harbor.

SANDY HOOK

Joe Julian of Julian's Bait Co. said bass fishing continues fair to good, with most of the action taking place at Sandy Hook and down the beach to the Golf Ball. Joe reports that most of these fish are being taken on bunker spoons, tubes, plugs and fresh bunker. Joe said crabbing is good in the Shrewsbury River, and a few small bass can be caught from its shore.

North Shore Report

GREENPORT

The charter boats in the area are returning with 60-70 good sized weakfish per charter, reported Art White of the A.P. White Bait Shop. The Brand X and Wilhelric are also cashing in on the weaks. Striped bass in the 15-20 lb. range are being trolled in the Sound side of Orient Point. Three bass up to 8 lbs. were jigged with diamond jigs at Plum Gut. Bass are also being taken in the same area trolling rigged eels on wire line. Blackfishing is excellent throughout the area, Art said. It's been impossible to get green crabs, but fiddlers are doing the job. Porgies are plentiful, but somewhat short of the humpback category. A few bluefish of 3-5 lbs. are being jigged at Buoy 17 off Jessups Neck.

Dave Green, skipper of the Pooka III reports there was good porgy fishing over the weekend off Cedar Beach and the Middle Grounds. Worm and clam baits worked equally well. James Ames and two fishing buddies came home with 200 porgies. Weakfishing has slowed. Flounder and blackfishing remains fair.

SOUTHOLD

The Port of Egypt is still in Southold despite high winds both Saturday and Sunday. The POE had 110 boats out Saturday, and they were all doing well with mixed bags until 10 A.M. when the wind changed from 5 to 40 mph in about 2 minutes. Many a wise fisherman beached their rented skiffs to wait it out. Sunday, 70 boats sailed - all had fish, but the wind cut the numbers somewhat. When the wind is down, the fish are coming up. Weakfish are at Buoy 17 in Jessups

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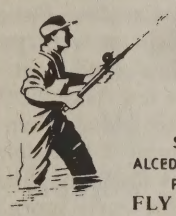
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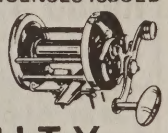
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NEW SUFFOLK

Phil Loria of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station said that high winds on Saturday forced all his boats to return by 11:30. Plenty of porgies are being bagged west of Buoys 22 and 23. Fish average about 1½ lbs., 30 fish per boat. Weakfishing is slow, but fish are still around. Bluefish up to 6 lbs. are being trolled with bucktails west of Robins Island.

PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. John Fischer of the Betty W called to say that the fishing in the Port Jeff area is the best run he's seen in years. Saturday he took out the Lighthouse Fishing Club of Uniondale and they had a mixed bag of 30 blackfish from 2-8 lbs., 25 sea bass of 2½-3 lbs. and all the porgies you wanted. Frank McGrath took the pool with an 8 lb. blackfish, while John Rodick was runner-up with a 7 lb. weakfish. Sunday's fishing was off due to the northeast winds that stirred up the bottom.

"Excellent porgy and blackfishing," reports from the Caraftis Fishing Station say. Weakfish are very good off Mt. Misery Shoal and east to Miller Place. Quite a few fluke for this neck of the woods are being taken at Old Field Point. Largest fluke weighed in at Caraftis went 4 lbs. School bass are picking up in the early morning and evening hours.

Capt. Bill Littlefield, skipper of the Jib III, reports on Sunday morning, with the wind up, the fishing was slow in the Sound, so he fished inside Mount Sinai Harbor. There he found flatties holding up nicely and all aboard caught flounder. Later on, when the weather calmed, he went back outside where he found the porgy fishing good. A few blackfish were mixed in with the porgies.

John Hamberger holds an 11 lb. blackfish which he caught while fishing at Bayville.

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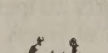

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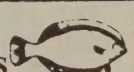

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Capt. Joe Cash of the Port Jeff Ace called in to report the bottom fishing is fantastic. He says it is the best in years. Over the weekend, large mixed bags of porgies, good sized sea bass, blackfish and a surprising number of fluke were taken. A few weaks were caught and also three mackerel that lingered a little too long were boated over the weekend. On Saturday, the St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church charter loaded up on fish, with Don Caras landing a 9 lb. blackfish. The sea bass that were caught were in the 2-3 lb. class. Capt. Joe is fishing 45 minutes east of Port Jeff.

MOUNT SINAI HARBOR

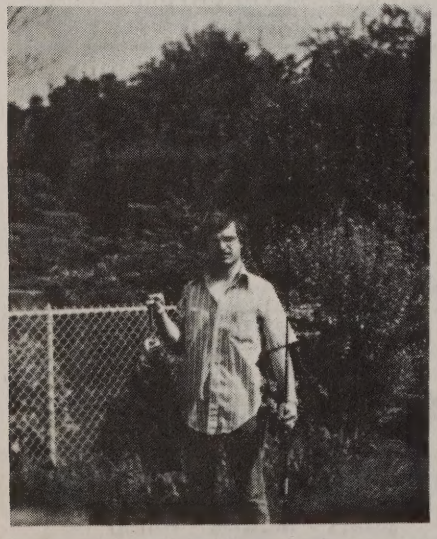
Bill of Ralph's Fishing Station reports that the porgies are being taken in good numbers all over. Sea bass are spotty at Miller Place. Some weakfish are at Buoy 11 off Mt. Misery Shoal. Blackfishing is still very good, but the fish are somewhat smaller than they were during the spring run.

NORTHPORT

Larkfield Sports Center reports a few weaks were taken over the weekend off Makamah on squid. Blackfish can be found in the rockpiles. Casting from the west side of Huntington Harbor, one sharpshooter got a 13 lb. striper, one of 17 keepers in the last two days. There are many short bass around. It's all bait fishing now.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don Constantin of the Ever Ready Fleet reports his fares took more than 1000 fish over the weekend. Mixed bags of humpback porgies, blackfish and a scattering of fluke and weaks kept all hands happy and busy. On Sunday, 19 fares caught near 500 fish. There are not many flounders around. There are a lot of porgies which run over 3 lbs. On Sunday, James White of Dover, N.J. caught 103 fish by himself. Who's cleaning your catch, Jim?



Bill Reifel beached this 11 lb. blackfish while surf casting at Bayville.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

John Cacciola of Glen Cove Sports said that sand porgies in quantity are consistent off Matinecock Point. Good blackfishing behind the rocks off the Creek Club. Bluefish have been surfacing all week in Manhasset Harbor but have been hook shy. Some nice bass are being taken off Crescent Beach on mackerel strips. A Mr. Berkowitz landed a 24 lb. bass on Thursday, and Skip Debari had a 19 pounder in the same spot on Saturday.

BAYVILLE

Mike Pump of Pump's Park Fishing Station tells us lots of small porgies are available on the Centre Island Reef, along with a few weakfish. Stripers are available from Centre Island Reef to Cooper's Bluff, though these are mostly short fish. Bucktails take them, but please remove same gently and return these short fish to their watery homes to grow. You'll get them next year. Blackfish are in Cold Spring Harbor at the lighthouse and they are taking fiddlers. No bluefish at Bayville as of yet.

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle reports striper fishing is good in the area of Harts Island. These fish have been ranging between 10 and 20 lbs. Drifting with worms or mackerel has been turning the trick. Jack said blackfishing remains good. Fishermen working the No Nations area and also the CBS Tower with worms are being rewarded with a few weaks.

RYE

Dan Catalano of Point Tackle said bass fishing is only so-so. On Friday morning, Max and Harold Dreckman landed two going 21 and 16 pounds. The fish were taken on cut mackerel. Dan said he hopes the bass fishing will pick up soon because a big body of small bunkers has moved into the area. Weakfishing is slow while blackfishing remains excellent.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

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MAMARONECK

Bud Wright scored again, bringing in a bass estimated at 32 lbs. at Mamaroneck Fishing Station. School bass action is also hot with small Rebel poppers the leading lure locally, says Fred Archer. Weakfish are scattered here as everywhere.

NEW ROCHELLE

At Camerons, Jack Claudet, one of the employees, came in with a 32 lb. striper, and a couple in the twenties were also weighed in. With the bass not at all fussy, anglers are hitting fish with worms, mackerel, and with Atom swimmers. Cape Cod and Marathon spinners are both working for trollers. Drifting sandworms also pays off here. George MacDonald, fishing the Fort Slocum dock, took a 17 lb. bass fishing the night tides.

RYE

Rebels, Creek Chub and Atom poppers are accounting for many fish in the waters around Rye. Dan Catalano of Point Tackle is still receiving mackerel reports, and blackfish are again at the top of the list as far as cooperation is concerned. A few weaks continue to straggle in.

GREENWICH

Cy Lowden started off the bunker-duk in season in Connecticut waters, with a 37½ lb. bass weighed in at the Sportsman's Den. Russ Van Wynen told of another unnamed angler who brought in a 40 lb. fish. That one was mackerel-caught. Schoolies show frequently at the mouth of the river.

Buzz Harris called at mid-week, when he saw a fisherman in the cove take twelve weakfish in a night's angling.

STAMFORD

Chris Chirillo at Pat's Marina weighed in a 51 lb. linesider, and fisherman Steve Pelekakis is now eligible for membership in the R.J. Schaefer "nifty-fifty" club. The way these 50-plus pound fish are starting, I

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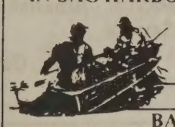

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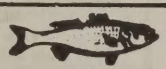

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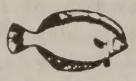
BAIT  BOATS
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wonder who'll be the first to capture the fifty pound release pin. Chris tells us that sand porgies made a good showing last weekend.

Jack Karwosky at Jack's Bait & Tackle tells of Steve Romanos, who took a 27¾ lb. bass on a Gotcha-Popper, mackerel finish. Carl Oberg caught 11 bass to 40½ lbs. on worms. Ed Feighey tipped the scales with a 5 lb. 7 oz. weak. Lots of small schoolies in the Shippan area. Weaks were caught at Scotts Cove, and porgies showed off Shippan.

ROWAYTON

A 20 lb. bass was taken at Browns Point, along with a lot of smaller fish. Angler was Phil Arena. Roy DeMague has his boat up for sale, so hasn't been getting out too much, but has been taking fish with Richie Volland. Lots of blacks, and mackerel seem to be on the increase again.

NORWALK

Rick Mola had a list of bass men in the Norwalk area. Walt June weighed in his 23 pounder at Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle. Bruce Mola took a 22 pounder, and Carl Dolberg a 25 lb. linesider. Weaks are still scattered, but on the increase. Most catches are numbering three and four fish, between 3 and 6 lbs. Ed Kochi took 8 weaks off Browns Point. What it amounts to is that those who are going after weaks aren't catching them, but a number of fish are being caught by bass fishermen, on everything from mackerel chunks to worms to Rebels and touts. Bass lures paying off for schoolies list both spin-Atoms and Alou Eels.

Tom Borges at the Tackle Box is still trying to catch up with his wife's 44 pounder, which is now officially entered in the woman's division of the Schaefer Contest. Meantime, Tommy has been taking some respectable fish in the 15 to 20 lb. category.

Lots of school bass coming into the South Norwalk Boat Club, along with blackfish and just a few weaks. At Four Winds, Rita Utz has has some good medium sized bass reported credited to sandworms and mackerel. Weakfish reports are trickling in.

WESTPORT

Ernie Grater's 49 lb. bass was the biggest to reach my ears from the Norwalk Islands this week. It was a close shot at the fifty club, and a great catch. Several smaller fish were scattered around Westport waters. Chip Rumley scored from shore at Compo Beach with his 34 lb. bass. Dave Stein backed up last week's big bass with a respectable 20 pounder. Mitch Kurman proved the perfect guide for an old friend from Illinois, Len Gersman. His first striped bass venture netted him a 20 pounder and a pair of 10 lb. bass. The guide was skunked but went home happy. Tom Stiles took a 6½ lb. weakfish, and son, Tom, Jr. had an 8 lb. bass. Anglerette, Mary Swett recorded a 15 lb. linesider off Schlait's Point. John Tate took his first weak of the year on an E-Sea whip-tail, and that too scaled over 6 lbs. Ed Boland at the Westport Tackle Shop reports the Redfin and Rebels are accounting for many school fish, and adds that sand eels were spotted at several spots during the week, increasing the fishing potential even more.

BRIDGEPORT

Bob Zam Pidri at Bob's Bait tells of Bob Bruno who took a 13 lb. 5 oz. bass drifting sandworms. Murray Albertson and Bob King took 35 porgies at Buoy 24C. Some fish ran close to 1 lb. Bob's pal, Ed Chomansky picked up a 3 lb. blue in Bridgeport Harbor. Redfin top lure here too at the moment, and schoolies are plentiful almost everywhere. One 7 lb. weakfish

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At the Sportsman's Den, Stowie has witnessed some activity with bass around Charles Island and the Stratford beaches. Fish in the twenties seem almost common. A few weaks have been taken at the mouth of the Housatonic, and schools of unco-operative weaks have been spotted in many areas. Stow had just returned from the headwaters of the White River in Vermont, where he described brook trout on every cast of a wet fly. Nothing big, but fantastic fishing.

At Ted's Bait & Tackle, Bob Costu had brought in this week's biggie, a 29 lb. bass, taken on mackerel in the Norwalk Islands. Frank Toth and Bill Egri teamed up to take 115 lbs. of blackfish in a day off the Stratford breakwater. Walt Burr scored with his first weak at Penfield, scaling 3½ lbs., and George Gellaca and his wife, Hank, racked up 7 blackfish weighing up to 8 lbs. at Russian Beach.

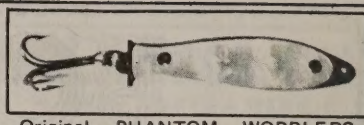
MILFORD

Vinny Ciulla at the Sportsman's Rendezvous told of an unnamed angler who scored with the big Rebel Superminnow and came home with a 40-plus pound fish. Other bass to 13½ lbs. have come in during the week. Bunkers have moved into the waters solid. Vinny met Bob Berger of the Yankee Gun Shop on the water, and he'd just tagged and released an 8 lb. bass.

STRATFORD

Mrs. Fordham at Housatonic Marina watched a man wading the river mouth take a 22 lb. bass. Meantime many anglers are taking advantage of the fantastic run of sea robins to enjoy what they describe as fabulous eating. The tail meat is the best, and considered a delicacy. Scattered flounder reports are still coming in. Mr. Roldan of Jamaica, Queens took 15 blacks near the breakwater. Ralph Stuart of Naugatuck was fishing east of the Stratford breakwater and took 15 blacks and twenty porgies.

Epifiano Bermudez must have been fishing alone, when a school of Taylor blues swung past the breakwater. At any rate, the date was June 9, and he took home 25 bluefish, and what a way to start that season. Jill McNair set the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NEW HAVEN

Striped bass head the list at Outdoor Sports, and Walt Janeczek will forward a photo as soon as it's developed. Ralph Anorio and Joe Ivonine were fishing together at Niantic and came in with a 56 lb. 2 oz. bass on a live eel. (You'd better order some extra pins Bob Blanks.) Weakfish are hitting at Savin Rock Jetty. Jim Mellaro took four weaks and a pair of bass before work in the morning. We spoke with popular radio personality, Gene Anthony of WELI, who announced a big upcoming fishing contest. More info will come out as soon as I receive it in the mail.

WATERFORD

At Hillyer's, the report is blacks, flats and stripers. Rumors of a 60 pounder, but we haven't been able to track it down as yet. Plenty of smaller fish are hitting, with the big Gibbs swimming plugs catching most of them. First bluefish reports are coming from Cherry Harbor.

Schaefer's Boat Livery reports excellent flounder and bass fishing. Bass are big, with the Atom popper accounting for many. Fischers Island Sound is the area, where Charlie Sobol took one 40½ lb., and Danny Gaynor a linesider of 43½ lbs. Charles Zander was high man with a 45½ lb. lunker. The No-Alibi/pork rind combo is paying off. Latimer Point and Wiccapisquet Passage are a couple of the hotspots. Cliff Fee, Mr. Schaefer's nephew, brought us this week's report.

NEW LONDON

Marsters Dock had reports of great night-trip bass fishing among their charter boats. That first school of blues either moved out or is laying low until the big mass arrives. Some boats head out daily for cod.

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PARTY BOATS

Capt. Ed Brower, sailing the Dolphin out of Bridgeport, found the weaks over the weekend. Anglerette, Ethel Brown of Waterbury took the pool with a 7 pounder. First of the season to come aboard was a 4 lb. squeateague taken by Art Tetu. Porgy fishing is great and another first of the year, the first kingfish came aboard.

The Delmar out of Greenwich has been cleaning up on blackfish in the Eatons Neck area. Some bonus big tomcod are coming aboard too. Skipper, John Minnitti told of seeing some private boats troll up some blues at Eatons over the weekend. Then, of course, the sea bass keep coming in. It's not an epidemic, but one or two fish a day is better than we've seen in years.

The Klondike, skippered by Pete Pearson out of New Rochelle, picked up his first weakfish during the week too, and continues to enjoy good fishing for porgies, flounder and big blackfish.

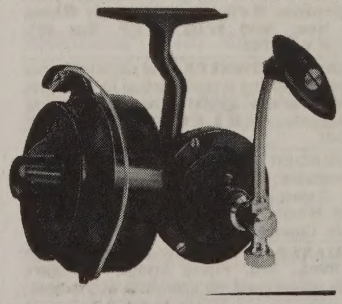
NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

SANDY HOOK

Julian's Sport Shop reported some good bass fishing over the weekend for surfmen and boaters. Sandworms took a 24½ lber for Ted Manhire in the surf at the State Park. Jeff Keeplan and John Hayes both had 41 lb. bass bunker dunkin'. Some blues are showing and Mr. & Mrs. Kruger had 3 on Saturday trolling red tubes. Drifting sandworms at the Highlands Bridge is also taking bass. Fluke are hitting best on sand eels.

CRACK REEL



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SEABRIGHT

Giglio's Bait & Tackle reported excellent striper fishing at the Highland and Seabright Bridges for worm drifters. Bud Orio has limited out here a number of times last week. Fletcher Bidell fished rigged eels at night for a 32 lber. Jetty jocky Stephen Kiss casting worms has had 4 stripers to 19 lbs. Fluke fishing is excellent along the surf. Dan Shanks fished squid strips at Monmouth Beach for 51 fluke to 4 lbs.

LONG BRANCH

Frank's Bait & Tackle reported good fishing in the surf for blacks, fluke and bass. High hooks for the week were Joe LaPresti with 22 blacks to 3 lbs. on fiddler crabs, Stan Gola catching 210 fluke from the jetties on squid and some of Frank's lucky killies, Pat Attansio with the only blue, an 8 lber caught on a worm. Best striper was taken by Ed Cucrizak, a 38 lber and his first bass ever on Sunday.

Long Branch Pier reported good fluke fishing for medium size fish. Some blacks are also showing.

Hudson River Reports

WAPPINGERS FALLS

The B & M Bait Shop reported a good opening day weekend although the largest catch was only a 3 lber. As Al Bremenstoul puts it,"The bigger fish won't be caught until everyone quits splashing around and gets down to serious fishing."

On the Hudson, Tom Lake has been consistant (and persistent) with stripers and has been steadily tagging and releasing 5 lb. stripers from Cornwall.

CROTON POINT

Bass action has slowed down in Croton Bay probably because of the weather says Croton Bait & Tackle. Stripers are being caught in the Croton River on swimming plugs and streamer flies. White perch are abundant all through out Croton Park.

OSSINING

Perch are coming in by the bucketfull from the Tappan Zee Bridge. Dr. Leonard and his son Robert Jr. filled an ice chest with 104 perch to 1 lb. Sandworms were the bait.

FORT LEE

The Outdoorsmen Ltd. reported good perch fishing in the Interstate Park. Catfish did best at dusk on herring chunks. Eels are abundant and crabs are just now starting to show.

TIDE TABLES

SOUTH SHORE Long Island

SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.		12:17
Fri.	12:29	1:06
Sat.	1:18	1:54
Sun.	2:09	2:49
Mon.	3:09	3:50
Tues.	4:18	4:55
Wed.	5:27	5:56
Thurs.	6:28	6:53

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	−1 25
East Quogue	−2 45
Shinnecock Canal	−1 18
Indian Reservation	−3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	−3 28
Harts Cove	−1 30
Potunk Point	−3 35
Mastic Beach	−3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	−3 39
Heckscher State Park	−3 20
Bay Shore	−2 23
Babylon	−2 12
Amityville	−2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	−1 25
Seaford Harbor	−2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

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EASTERN LONG ISLAND NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	1:20	2:08
Fri.	2:07	2:55
Sat.	3:02	3:44
Sun.	4:00	4:37
Mon.	5:01	5:31
Tues.	6:02	6:26
Wed.	6:58	7:21
Thurs.	7:56	8:14

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	−0 27
Connecticut River	−1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	−0 12
Greenport	−1 04
Southold	−1 43
New Suffolk	−2 26
South Jamesport	−2 32
Shinnecock Canal	−2 33
Noyack Bay	−2 05
Sag Harbor	−0 59
Gardiners Bay	−0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	9:40	**3:50**	10:00	**4:10**
Fri.	10:25	**4:40**	10:50	**5:00**
Sat.	11:15	**5:25**	11:35	**5:50**
Sun.		**6:05**	12:05	**6:30**
Mon.	12:15	**6:50**	12:45	**7:15**
Tues.	12:55	**7:40**	1:30	**8:10**
Wed.	1:50	**8:35**	2:25	**9:05**
Thurs.	2:45	**9:35**	3:30	**10:05**

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	3:01	3:32
Fri.	3:48	4:21
Sat.	4:41	5:09
Sun.	5:34	6:04
Mon.	6:33	7:03
Tues.	7:37	8:04
Wed.	8:44	9:06
Thurs.	9:51	10:13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

Long Island SOUND

Long Island Sound BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	3:25	3:57
Fri.	4:13	4:46
Sat.	5:04	5:35
Sun.	6:03	6:31
Mon.	6:58	7:26
Tues.	8:00	8:25
Wed.	9:01	9:20
Thurs.	9:59	10:15

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	−0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	−0 08
Bayville Bridge	−0 13
Eatons Neck Point	−0 03
Northport Bay	−0 03
Norwalk Islands	−0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	−0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	−0 03
New Haven Harbor	−0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	−0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

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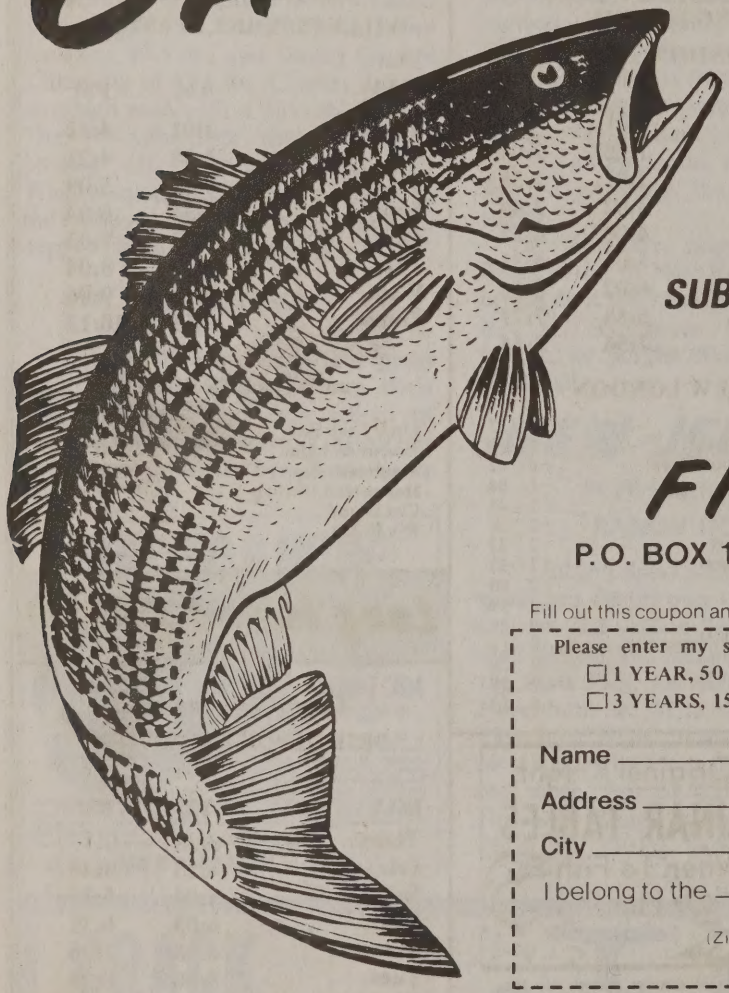

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